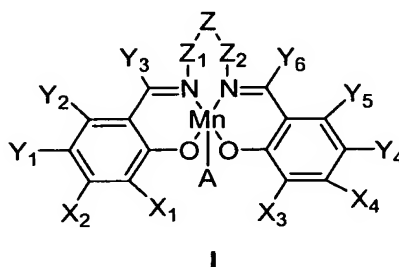


I. AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claim 1 (currently amended) A method for treating AMD, DR, and/or retinal edema in a patient which comprises administering to the patient in need of such treatment a pharmaceutically effective amount of a compound of formula I:



wherein:

A is a pharmaceutically acceptable anion;

X₁₋₄ are independently selected from the group consisting of H, halo, aryl, aralkyl, alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryloxy, free or functionally modified hydroxyl, and free or functionally modified amino;

Y₁₋₆ are independently selected from the group consisting of H, alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, free or functionally modified hydroxyl, and free or functionally modified amino; and

Z, Z₁, and Z₂ together can form a cyclohexane, pyridine, or phenyl ring; or

Z is a direct bond (*i.e.*, Z₁ and Z₂ are bonded to each other), and Z₁ and Z₂ are each a CH₂ group, independently and optionally substituted with aryl, heteroaryl, alkyl, alkoxy, aralkyl, acyl, alkoxycarbonyl, or acyloxy;

and wherein the compound is administered to the eye topically, by ocular injection or parenterally.

Claim 2 (original) The method of claim 1, wherein for the compound of formula I:

A is chloride, bromide, or acetate;

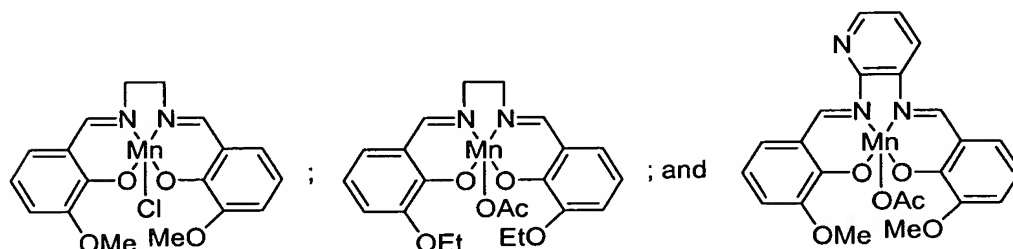
X₁₋₄ are independently H, fluoro, bromo, chloro, alkyl, or a free or functionally modified hydroxyl or amino group;

Y₁₋₄ are independently H, alkyl, or a free or functionally modified hydroxyl; and

Z, Z₁, and Z₂ together form a cyclohexane, pyridine, or phenyl ring, or

Z is a direct bond, and Z₁ and Z₂ are each a CH₂ group, either unsubstituted or substituted with phenyl, benzyloxy, or an acyloxy group.

Claim 3 (currently amended) The method of claim 32, wherein the compound is selected from the group consisting of:



Claim 4 (new) The method of claim 1, wherein the compound is administered by ocular injection

Claim 5 (new) The method of claim 4, wherein the compound is administered by intraocular injection.

Claim 6 (new) The method of claim 4, wherein the compound is administered by periocular injection.

Claim 7 (new) The method of claim 4, wherein the compound is administered by retrobulbar injection.